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Dear Sam:

You should get a letter in the same mail with this from Butts Brown, with some news about the club.

I had originally planned to send out mats to all the papers this week, but I am sending these to you ahead of the others. These are all veterans of this war. On the team are several others, but I do not have them ready yet. Lary Doby and Parks in particular. I will send the others to you next week.

The Eagles look beautiful on paper. I only hope they will stand up on the field. I am sure they will.

Wasn't Jackie Robinsons entrance beautiful? I was so afraid he might not measure up, but he really came through. It is a real boost for the entire race. It is a known fact Negroes always stand out as athletes. There is no reason why they should not excell as baseball players.

Following is the batting order and line up of the games the Eagles have played in camp. I imagine it will be the same opening day, but of course I am not sure. I will let you know as soon as I do.

Watkins	2b	Murry
Isreal	3b	Clarence
Doby	ss	Lary
Irvin	cf	Monty Montford
Pearson	lb	Lenny Leonard
Davis	lf	Johnny John Howard
Harvey	rf	Robert
Parks	c	Charles

I wish you could be with us opening day. We are planning the same elaborate program as usual. The American Legion group will be bigger than ever. All the big city officials have accepted invitations, plus the candidates for governor, the sherriff, police chief etc. They really take opening day very seriously here in Newark. We still only play one game, and I cannot get the league to open with one game in any other city.

We have our usual number of rookies, and from all reports they all look very good, one boy from Jackson Miss. is especially good looking. I guess Butts has sent you news about him, the name Rufus Lewis, pitcher, also a veteran of this war.

Sincerely